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For:	Self-Locking Pivotal Connector	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in advance of prosecution on the merits of the above-identified application. Please amend this application as follows: